

## Assad message to King Hussein

AMMAN (JT). — His Majesty King Hussein Friday afternoon received Syria's Deputy Defence Minister and Air Force Commander Maj.-Gen. Naji Jamil, who handed His Majesty a message from President Assad concerning recent developments in the Arab World and bilateral relations between the two countries, the Jordan News Agency announced without giving any other details.

On his arrival, Maj.-Gen. Jamil was received by Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker, Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces.

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## 24 detained Arabs are released in Nablus

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Dec. 24 (AFP). — Twenty-four Arab residents of Nablus, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, imprisoned for taking part in anti-Israeli demonstrations there a fortnight ago, were freed today by Nablus military governor.

A spokesman for the governor said the move was made as a "sign of good will" following the recent return to calm in the town.

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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS LIVES — Against the backdrop of Beirut's fashionable Raouche district, two children look over a sidewalk toy vendor's offerings, providing a picture of joy that contrasts sharply with the destruction that has befallen Beirut over the past two years of war. (AP wirephoto).

## Lebanese government given powers to rule by decree

BEIRUT, Dec. 24 (R). — The Lebanese parliament today gave the government powers to rule by decree in order to overcome the legacy of 19 months of civil war. All 72 members present at the session of the 99-seat legislature voted for a bill enabling the cabinet of Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss to decree laws on subjects that include public order, the media and the war-battered economy.

The assembly, meeting under force stood by with machineguns and grenade launchers during the parliamentary session.

Parliament adjourned on a Christmas Eve tinged with anxiety over new acts of violence which have marred the six-week-old truce. However, the festival this year was more peaceful than last, when at least 17 people died in Beirut on Christmas Eve and a wave of sectarian kidnappings cleared the streets.

Residents in the southern outskirts of Beirut reported stray shots this morning after more overnight clashes among rival Palestinian commandos.

Fighting has occurred in the Palestinian refugee camps on most nights this week. The clashes have been between pro-Syrian Saika commandos and other factions supported by Iraq.

The Lebanese Banking Association meanwhile decided today to set the "official" reopening of banking operations in the wake of the civil war for Jan. 17. Several Lebanese and foreign banks have already restarted activities here, but on their own responsibility.

The association's Vice President, Naaman Al Azhari, who noted that some banks had continued working "even during the most difficult periods of the crisis," said deposits with banks were likely to attain about 1,500 million Lebanese pounds (\$520 million) within a short time after the official reopening of banking operations, AFP reported.

The official Radio Beirut for its part announced today that Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak is to visit Lebanon next week. It gave no other details.

## Premier Fukuda names new Japanese cabinet

OKYO, Dec. 24 (R). — Mr. Takeo Fukuda was elected Japan's new Prime Minister today and named a cabinet cutting across the bickering factions inside the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

The 71-year-old conservative politician, capturing the post at his third attempt, replaced Mr. Takashi Miki, who stepped down as a result of heavy setbacks suffering in the LDP in national elections this month.

He was elected to the leadership of Asia's most prosperous nation and the world's third largest economy by a special session of the Diet (parliament). Mr. Fukuda received 256 votes in the 11-seat lower house compared with 122 for his closest rival, Socialist Party Chairman Tomomioka.

The new premier, who has pledged to revitalise the hattered LDP which has lost its working majority in the Diet for the first time in 21 years, retained only one member of the Miki cabinet.

He was former Transport Minister Hirohide Ishida, who was transferred to the Labour Ministry.

Mr. Fukuda's key appointments were Mr. Ichiro Hatoyama, a relatively unknown 58-year-old bureaucrat, as Foreign Minister and

Mr. Hideo Bo, 72, as Finance Minister.

Mr. Hatoyama is the son of the late Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama. His previous experience as a vice finance minister in 1971 and 1972 is expected to be helpful to him in dealing with such problems as Japan's massive trade surplus with the European Common Market (EEC), fisheries negotiations and the effects of increased oil prices.

Mr. Bo, a veteran parliamentarian and a close associate of the new prime minister, is a tax expert and a former minister of health and welfare.

Mr. Hajime Fukuda, who has served in several previous cabinets, was appointed to the Justice Ministry, where he will be responsible for continuing investigations into the Lockheed pay-off scandal in which several LDP members are involved.

The implication of senior LDP politicians in the affair was one of the reasons for the party's electoral troubles.

Another was dissension within the party ranks, a situation which Mr. Fukuda has attempted to rectify in his choice of ministers from various groups.

The average age of the 22-member cabinet is 61, three years younger than that of the Miki team.

Mr. Fukuda, who previously had challenged unsuccessfully for the

premiership in 1972 and 1974, is expected to give first priority to propelling the Japanese economy out of its present lull.

He must push through a 1977 budget balancing the need to encourage business recovery with an expected increase in inflation due to the latest round of oil price rises to take effect on Jan. 1.

Another task will be to halt the slide in support for the LDP before crucial elections in July for the upper house, where the party has a majority of only one.

## Expulsions of Greek Cypriots continue

NICOSIA, Dec. 24 (AFP). — Another 47 Greek Cypriot villagers were expelled to the Greek Cypriot area of Cyprus today by authorities in Yiaousa, on the Turkish-controlled Karpas Peninsula in the north. Forty-one villagers were expelled yesterday, leaving only just over 100 Greek Cypriots in the village as against 2,500 at the time of the Turkish invasion of the island in 1974.

A United Nations source said negotiations between the island's two communities, interrupted since last March, could resume next February. The source was commenting after the return from New York last night of Peres de Cuellar, personal representative of U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, who said today he would take soundings in the two communities with a view to possible talks.

## Information minister stresses

## Baghdad keeps its distance from idea of Geneva, West Bank state solution

By Andrew Waller  
 BAGHDAD, Dec. 24 (R). — Iraq is standing aloof from the hopes for a Geneva conference and a Palestinian state which other Arab leaders are entertaining.

While the mainstream of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), headed by Mr. Yasser Arafat, seems to be moving towards acceptance of such a state on part of old Palestine, Iraqi officials say they do not believe this would be feasible.

Even if a state were created it would only be a puppet, they say. Nor does Baghdad want to see a Geneva conference take place, but if it does Iraqi officials believe it will achieve nothing.

Implicit in Baghdad's attitude is a sceptical assessment of the likelihood of Israel making any real concessions to its Arab neighbours or the Palestinians.

Iraq provides a political base for the Palestinian "rejection front", made up of groups totally

opposed to doing any kind of political deal with Israel.

This often leads to Iraq being accused by other Arab states of being behind guerrilla actions conducted elsewhere.

Information Minister Tareq Aziz, in an interview with Reuters, said Iraq criticised the hijacking of planes, and even though it did not explicitly criticise the guerrilla attacks this autumn on hotels in Damascus and Amman, "we were not with them."

Iraq's distance from the front-line with Israel rules out a direct military role unless it has the approval of Syria, an unlikely eventuality in the present stormy climate between Baghdad and Damascus.

But it conducts an active political campaign, often taking a more anti-Zionist approach than the Arab governments with Israel on their doorsteps.

Baghdad was host this autumn to a symposium on Zionism, which sought to tackle the ideological

basis upon which the whole concept of a Jewish state in the Middle East was founded.

It reflected Iraq's long-term view of the way to end the existence of a Jewish state in the Arab region, and its apparent readiness to conduct an indefinite political siege of Israel.

Commenting on the idea of a Palestinian state Mr. Aziz remarked, "if we wage war on the Israelis and impose on them by military and political influence, a natural Palestinian state could be built there..."

But if the Israelis withdraw without being made to by force of arms "it would not be a state. It would be a colony."

If such a state were a real step towards a settlement of the Palestinian question by which Jews and Palestinians could live together in a democratic state, Iraq was not opposed, he added.

But he made it clear Iraq believed this was next to impossible.

was welcomed opposite the Church of the Nativity in brilliant sunshine by the Israeli military commander, Arab mayors and local notables.

After vespers in the Church of St. Catherine, the Franciscan sanctuary in the Nativity Basilica, he retired into the Latin Convent until midnight, when he was to officiate at Pontifical high mass.

Israeli troops were in evidence all along the motorcade's route from Jerusalem, amid the pine branches and Christmas decorations. The motorcade was joined by a mounted police escort at the Mar Elias Monastery, where local Arab leaders welcomed the clergy, halfway to Bethlehem.

The procession was joined by

## SADAT: TIME IS

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## PARTIES

CAIRO, Dec. 24 (R). — President Anwar Sadat said today the time was ripe for promulgating a law regulating the establishment of political parties in Egypt.

In an interview with Cairo television on the eve of his 58th birthday, the president said the law should stipulate that creation of any party should be based on its electoral vote or the seats its supporters have in the parliament.

Last month, President Sadat declared the transformation of the right, centre and leftwing factions of the Arab Socialist Union (ASU) into full-fledged parties. The ASU was Egypt's single political organisation for more than 15 years.

Mr. Sadat said Egypt was on the path of full democracy and expressed hope that by next year the process would be completed.

The president said present democratisation measures, including a permanent constitution, guarantees for personal and press freedom and abolition of detention camps and press freedom, should have taken place in 1956 immediately after the "tripartite aggression", the Suez campaign of 1956 involving Britain, France and Israel.

The text of the interview, scheduled for broadcast tonight, was issued by the official Middle East News Agency.

the mayors of Bethlehem, and Beit Jala and Beit Sahur, the two localities near where Jesus was born.

Four-hundred Israeli policemen were on duty during the Bethlehem-bound procession. When the Patriarch arrived in Bethlehem, he was greeted by hundreds of Christian Arabs, and boy and girl scouts led by deafening drum and bugle bands.

The weather was splendid and temperatures rose to over 20 degrees Centigrade with a hot sun warming the rolling Judean hills.

At times, the presence of the Israeli military was somewhat overbearing as they checked the bags and possessions of many people.

Despite a heavy police cordon, the mood was festive as town children ran around gaily decorated stalls selling Arab Pastries, Reuters correspondent Bernard Edinger reported.

The Basilica of the Nativity has a capacity of 1,200 and those unable to enter will be able to celebrate mass on the Square of the Crib by following mass on a giant television screen.

The mass will be followed with a procession to the Nativity Grotto where Jesus's birthplace is marked with the silver star.

Meanwhile, the Israeli Ministry of Tourism announced that the number of foreign pilgrims to the Holy Land this year has touched a record of 35,000 people, including one Briton who took two months to complete the journey on foot.

The Christmas festivities are held on three separate occasions in the Holy Land — Greek Orthodox believers who do not adopt the Gregorian calendar celebrating on Jan. 8, and the Armenian Catholics on Jan. 20.

## TO OUR READERS

The Jordan Times will take a few days off for the Christmas holidays. The paper will not appear tomorrow or Monday, and will reappear as usual on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

The management and staff of the Jordan Times and the Jordan Press Foundation take this opportunity to wish all their readers the best for the Christmas season, with the hope that peace on earth and good will to all men will soon be practiced all year round, and everywhere on earth.

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## Ford's message

The news that President Ford seeks to cut U.S. military and economic aid to Israel is good news indeed, and the people who should welcome it most are the Israelis themselves. The "cut" in aid that President Ford proposes will bring down the figure of American assistance to Israel for the next fiscal year to \$1.5 billion, a still substantial sum. But this represents \$800 million less than what Israel has requested, and \$300 million less than the U.S. State Department recommends. It is, all in all, a welcomed change from the usual routine where Israel asks the American leadership to dance and the American leadership to dance and the American leadership breaks into a tango, smiling, nodding and handing out the cash.

The Ford proposal is especially welcomed at this time for two reasons. First, it is another of those small signals that the Ford administration has not been afraid to send along to Israel every now and then, in between shipments of the latest jet fighters, to be sure, but signals nevertheless that alert Israel to America's finite willingness to prop up Israel forever. Israel has shown that it needs propping up, militarily, financially, diplomatically and even in terms of human numbers. This ties into the second reason we welcome the Ford move, which is that it comes at a time when Israel can see its artificial walls of state crumbling right beneath its feet. The continuing Palestinian resistance and demonstrations throughout the occupied areas and the ever worsening economic situation in Israel are only the most visible signs of Israel's basic and structural weaknesses. On top of this comes the news this week that more than half the Soviet Jews who emigrate are going somewhere other than to Israel. This is devastating news to Israel, because it is proof -- proof which Israel cannot hide -- that shatters the Zionist myth of how all Jews wish to go live in Israel.

The internal disarray in Israel will intensify, because it is inevitable as a function of illegitimacy and artificiality, and these, if anything, are the hallmarks of Israel. It has been the lesson of Israel's history that these things can be covered up for periods of time, but not forever. This week, for example, the Israelis will block out the real world of their discomforts and difficulties by going to see the latest film about the Entebbe rescue raid. This is the manner in which Zionism puts blinders on its eyes to see only the things of this world that it wishes to see. It is not enough that Zionism wishes to deceive the world, but it also deceives itself. While this kind of thing can be maintained for a few years -- for a few decades perhaps -- it cannot go on forever.

The latest signal from the Ford administration should make the Israelis look closely at what they are as a nation-state, and what they require from others to live as they do. They will find that, in their requests for American aid, they have consistently gone overboard. But this has been covered up in large part through the process of political blackmail and intellectual coercion in which the American Zionist lobby excels. Now things have reached the stage in the United States -- to take one good example only -- where the billions of dollars Israel seeks are also sought by the mayor of New York City to guarantee municipal bond issues vital for the economic solvency and social health of the eight million people of New York City. The mayor of New York City, incidentally, is Jewish, and this, more than anything else, brings to the fore the "special" status of Jews throughout the world. Israel considers them to be citizens of Israel, because of their religion. But when there is a clear clash between the competing demands of Israel and New York City, this must put the mayor of New York in a very difficult position. This is just another of the many dilemmas of Zionism, though it is also one way in which Zionism has propped itself up for so long in the persona of the state of Israel. What does this all mean?

It means, first and foremost, that there are contradictions and unresolved dilemmas in the fabric of Zionism and Israel that will not simply go away with time. They will, to the contrary, come to the foreground the longer that Israel perpetuates the seemingly insatiable clamp of Zionism on Palestinian national rights. The action that President Ford is taking is a small part of the counter-reaction to this stream of Zionist negativism. It is part of the unmasking of the many Zionist camouflages.

The Israelis will complain, and they will probably do so in public, seeing as this is one of the ways in which they maintain their grip on unsuspecting American politicians. It is not out of the question now that the machinery of Zionist character assassination will zero in on President Ford, to turn a lame duck president into a dead duck political figure morally assassinated by the bullets of ingratitude and selfishness and blind self-conceit that are so easily and naturally fired by the forces of Zionist misinformation. If this happens, it shall be nothing more than a variation on the same old Zionist drive to cover up the realities of the world instead of coming to terms with them.

Some people in Israel watch the Entebbe films, other people get money out of the Americans. Both are processes of the same kind, and both in the end will hurt the Israelis by making them more artificial, more unreal and more alone.

President Ford is trying to tell them this in his own way. They should listen.

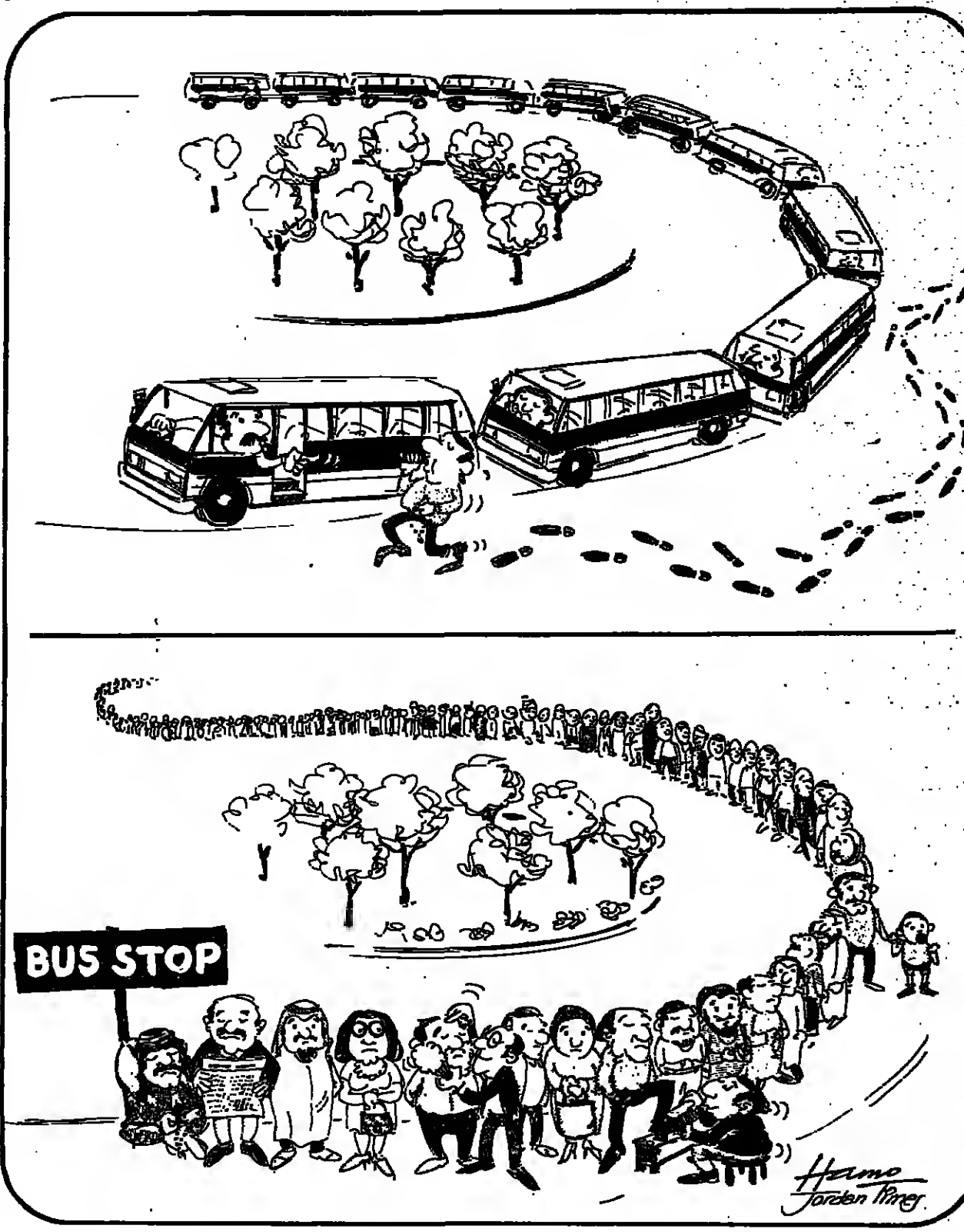
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## Queen Alya celebrates 28th birthday

AMMAN (JNA). -- Her Majesty Queen Alya Saturday celebrates her 28th birthday.

Her Majesty did her undergraduate studies in political science and social psychology at Loyola University in Rome and at Hunter College in New York. Her Majesty speaks English and Italian.

She married His Majesty King Hussein on Dec. 24, 1972.

Queen Alya takes an active role in social development and the women's movement in Jordan. She participated in the Afro-Arab Women's Parliamentary Conference in Cairo on May 18, 1974. Her Majesty also heads a royal committee for rehabilitation, which aims at drawing up a programme for rehabilitating and taking care of handicapped children in Jordan.

Her Majesty often visits hospitals, patronises different kinds of social activities and encourages Jordanian women to be active members of society.

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## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Al Dustour and Al Sha'b Friday discussed the Amman communique issued by the first conference of Arab Ministers of Culture, which concluded its meetings Thursday.

Both papers describe the communique as a historic document, the importance of which, in the words of Al Dustour, "does not lie only in marking out the road towards a unified Arab cultural policy but also in preparing the road for total unity, through a return to our own culture."

The paper continues: "The communique as a whole portrays Arab determination to contribute positively to the process of world civilisation, despite the depletion of the Arab nation's energies by the colonial onslaught."

Al Dustour says the Amman communique represents a far-reaching endeavour to confront Zionism, to eradicate the residues and negative aspects of the colonial onslaught, which plagued the Arab region.

"A nation which resorts to its own culture, which sustains it and provides it with vitalising elements, will be too strong for any foreign aggressor to vanquish, and will itself be able to erode the foreigner's strength and wash away his traces and vestiges," the paper states.

Al Sha'b thinks the Amman communique was a unique event characterised by a scientific and pragmatic spirit, which led to its success. The conference recommendations underline the necessity to disseminate Arab culture, making it the right of every citizen to acquire it and to link it with the historic heritage and values of civilisation of our nation, it says.

Al Sha'b says the Arab Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation and the follow-up committee to the conference have a great responsibility to implement the conference's resolutions and recommendations.

The paper also calls for the Arab ministers of culture to continue meeting together -- as an ex officio executive group -- and to see that their decisions and recommendations are carried out to the letter.

## Ministers leave after AECOSO meet

AMMAN (JNA). -- A number of Arab ministers left here Friday morning after participating in the first conference of Arab Ministers of Culture, which ran for four days from Dec. 20 until 23.

Among the ministers who left were the Sudanese Minister of Information, Dr. Ismail Al Haj Musa, the Mauritanian Minister of Information, Othman Ahmad Al Yassa, the Kuwaiti Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs, Abdul Aziz Hussein and the Director General of the Arab Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (AECOSO), Mr. Muhyiddin Saber.

The ministers were seen off at the airport by Minister of Culture and youth Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf and a number of officials in his ministry.

## Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian fils for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

U.S. dollar	331.0	333.0
U.K. sterling	560.0	566.0
Swiss franc	135.7	136.1
German mark	140.3	140.7
French franc	66.6	66.9
Italian lira (for every 100)	38.4	38.6
Syrian pound	82.4	82.6
Lebanese pound	116.0	117.7
Saudi riyal	94.5	94.9
Iraqi dinar	945.0	948.5
Kuwaiti dinar	1158.0	1162.0
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## Does history repeat itself?

Does history repeat itself? This question has been debated over the years. However certain facts tend to show that history does indeed repeat itself. The two most striking cases are found in French and American history. The first case concerns two French kings -- St. Louis and Louis XVI, and exhibits an interval of 539 years between the events in their lives.

- \* St. Louis was born on April 23, 1215.
- \* Louis XVI was born on Aug. 23, 1754.
- \* St. Louis' sister Isabelle was born in 1225.
- \* Louis XVI's sister Elizabeth was born in 1744.
- \* Louis VIII, St. Louis' father, died in 1226.
- \* The dauphin, Louis XVI's father, died in 1765.
- \* St. Louis' marriage took place in 1231.
- \* Louis XVI's marriage took place in 1770.
- \* St. Louis' ascended to the throne in 1226.
- \* Louis XVI ascended to the throne in 1774.
- \* In 1243, St. Louis concluded peace with Henry III.
- \* In 1762, Louis XVI concluded peace with George III.
- \* In 1249, an Eastern prince sent an ambassador to St. Louis desiring to become a Christian.
- \* In 1788, an Eastern prince sent an ambassador to Louis XVI the same purpose.
- \* St. Louis' captivity started in 1250, in the same year as the of Tristan (meaning sorrow) and the beginning of the Past under Jacob.
- \* Louis XVI was deprived of all power in 1793, in the same as the fall of the Bastille (commencement of the French Revolution) and the beginning of Jacobin rule.
- \* Isabelle d'Angoulême died in 1259.
- \* Isabelle d'Angoulême was born in 1260.
- \* Queen Blanche (white), St. Louis' mother, died in 1253.
- \* The White Lily of France ended in 1792.
- \* In 1254, St. Louis desired to retire and became a Jacobin.
- \* In 1793, Louis XVI died at the hands of the Jacobins.
- \* St. Louis returned to Madeleine in Provence in 1254.
- \* Louis XVI was interred in the cemetery of the Madeleine in 1793.

The second example shows a striking interval of exactly hundred years.

- \* Both President Lincoln and President Kennedy were concerned with the issue of civil rights.
- \* Lincoln was elected in 1860, Kennedy in 1960.
- \* Both were shot in the head from behind.
- \* Their successors, both named Johnson, were Southern democrats.
- \* Andrew Johnson was born in 1808; Lyndon Johnson in 1908.
- \* John Wilkes Booth, the man who shot Lincoln, was born in Lee Harvey Oswald, the man who shot Kennedy, was born in 1910.
- \* Booth and Oswald were both assassinated before going to the White House.
- \* Both presidents' wives lost children through death while in the White House.
- \* Both presidents were killed on a Friday, and in the present their wife.
- \* President Lincoln's secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theatre.
- \* President Kennedy's secretary, whose name was Lincoln, advised him not to go to Dallas.
- \* John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln in a theatre and ran to a house.
- \* Lee Harvey Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and ran to a theatre.
- \* The names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain seven letters. The names Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson each contain 13 letters.
- \* The names John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald each contain 15 letters.

The above examples seem to be much more than just a coincidence. This remarkable parallel of events, even going far as similarity in names, could be the proof of history repeating itself at a fixed interval. According to numerologists, this is not determined by pure chance but by what Cheiro calls Law of Periodicity. Numerous examples in history illustrate law but the two cases quoted above are undoubtedly the extraordinary.

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# Arab oil has had more impact on American public opinion than the Arab community in the United States, prominent Arab American says

Mr. Najeeb Halaby, who served as assistant secretary of defence under the Eisenhower administration and as chairman of the Civil Aviation Board under President John Kennedy, then as Chairman of Pan American airlines was in Jordan recently in connection with the delivery of the Boeing 747 Jumbo to Alia, the Royal Jordanian airline. He was interviewed by Jordan Times reporter Lina Gress.

As his name indicates Mr. Halaby is an Arab American of Syrian descent. He is a graduate of Stanford and the Yale law school.

There is much greater understanding now in the United States of the Arab Israeli conflict and the plight of the Palestinian people than ever before," Mr. Najeeb Halaby said on an optimistic note.

Mr. Halaby, who has had the problem thrust on him as an Arab American in high office along with its due share of harassment, has at the same time embraced the cause and lent it the force of his personal conviction.

Everyone is tired of war and the cost of war, he said. The American people are complaining of having to send so many expensive arms abroad. This was one of President-elect Jimmy Carter's main campaign slogans, he added.

The new element in the situation, Mr. Halaby said, is that for the first time everyone agrees that the Palestinians should have a home of their own. The bone

of contention now is what sort of Arab delegation there should be in the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference in 1977, whether the Palestinians should attend, and if so in what capacity.

As an indication of this swinging tide, Mr. Halaby noted that for the first time in the USA, the CBS television network carried a 60-minute show, filmed in Damascus, which portrayed Arabs as peaceful and thoughtful people tolerant of Jews who were shown praying in their synagogues in the Arab capital. This was a welcome change, he explained, from the usual caricature of Arabs as guerrillas decked out with Kalashnikovs and hand grenades.

In addition, many Americans and even Israelis now recognise, he said that peace and not territorial expansion serves Israel's needs best. Many Americans feel

that Israel can get a better deal now than it would if it chose to hang on to occupied territories and wait.

Many Americans also feel that as part of U.S.-Soviet detente there should be less competition in the Middle East. The Americans and Russians are agreed that there should be a homeland for the Palestinians as well as the Jews.

However, Mr. Halaby pointed out that what is working in favour of the Arabs now is the growing American dependence on Arab oil and not so much the influence of the Arab American community.

"It is difficult for the Arabs to transform themselves into a unified and influential group in the United States in the way Jewish Americans are organised," he said.

He explained that the American political system functions through interest and pressure groups. In

the case of ethnic communities, these groups are organised along the lines of religion, national origin and race.

The Jewish, Mexican, Italian and Irish minorities are best organised, particularly the first two, he said.

United by religious belief and a unified cause, Jewish Americans are spurred on by the instinct for survival and chronic fear of persecution. Deeply conscious of their ethnic identity, they are vociferous in the defence of their cause.

Jewish Americans are in general very well educated and articulate, their per capita income is higher than most and they constitute an influential minority. Many have dual nationality -- American and Israeli -- and receive backing from Israel. There is a two-way relationship.

There are more than 6 million Jewish Americans settled in the major cities and nerve centres of the country, Mr. Halaby stressed.

By contrast, he added, Americans of Arab origin number only 500,000; most of them second or third generation.

Instead of being unified they are diverse and divided according to sects: Moslems and Christians (protestants, Catholics or Greek Orthodox), and they come from different Arab countries instead of one.

Being poorer than the Jews, they are more concerned about the security of their businesses and their jobs and hence do not want to become exposed to economic risks. However they are more independent individuals than the Jews and more open to adventure, although quietly and keeping a low profile.

In contrast with Jewish Americans, Arab American men are in general merchants by profession, and only a few are in law, education or politics. The women are far more passive and less articulate than their Jewish Italian or Mexican counterparts, Mr. Halaby emphasised.

Furthermore, Arab Americans are more American than the Americans, they do not retain their original nationality and often change their names -- one major drawback is that Arab Americans are not helped by their governments.

Arabs in the United States do not publicly espouse their national causes, they prefer to lie low for fear of being shocked or embarrassed by an outrage, or violence against innocent people by some radical Arab group, since this mi-

ght undo all their efforts and cause them to lose face. Most Americans cannot understand how frustrated some Arab nationalists can become and why they resort to violence against innocent people.

Hence, a lot of Arab Americans think they can be more effective working quietly to secure justice for their cause.

As a result, Mr. Halaby said, there have been a number of attempts to organise Arab Americans into lobbying groups; but the task is not so easy since they are composed of local Syrian, Lebanese and other Arab social groups and none of them has any substantial influence.

However, due to the pressure exerted by the Arab American Association, there now are senators of Arab origin like Senator James Abu-Rizk, six congressmen of Arab origin, and one under-secretary of state of Lebanese origin, Mr. Philip Halaby.

The Arabs could be more effective if they would exert more pressure and work more in unison, Mr. Halaby stated.

He said that Jordan has much to contribute to the spirit and drive of the new peace initiative for a comprehensive solution. He said that during the last three decades, His Majesty King Hussein has

been a moderate, progressive and intelligent diplomat who is very much respected by the American people.

Speaking of his experiences as an under-secretary of defence, the first American of Arab descent to occupy such a position, Mr. Halaby said that American Jews and other Americans thought he was biased but he was strongly supported at the time by President Kennedy who appointed him, by ex-President Truman and by his own boss.

When he was chairman of Pan American, the Jewish Defence League occupied his outer office mainly because his name was "Najeeb Halaby" but partly to protest against Pan American as well.

Mr. Halaby does not consider himself a lobbyist but works quietly and with conviction for the Arab cause.

He is a close friend of President-elect Jimmy Carter and was a campaign advisor to Mr. Carter on transportation, foreign and defence policies. However, Mr. Halaby who advised Mr. Carter on selecting members of his administration, did not himself want a job in the Carter administration, as he was not eager to get embroiled in government bureaucracy again.

ARAB AIR SERVICES

Mr. Halaby, who is presently in business, works closely with Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airlines.

In 1975, he helped Alia set up the Arab Air Services Corporation to provide technical services to Jordan and the Arab World in the field of aviation.

The Arab Air Services Corporation has so far been involved in three projects in Jordan:

First, it has built a "flight simulator" for training airline captains under simulated flight conditions, i.e., make-believe cockpit. This is a substitute for sending personnel for training abroad, it will also bring airline pilots from the Arab World to receive training in Jordan.

Second, the corporation is preparing a master plan for the expansion of the Royal Jordanian Academy of Aeronautics into an "Arab Air University".

Third, it is handling plans for the installation of a computer system to take care of airline bookings which Alia now lacks.

The "Arab Air Services Corporation" is owned by Alia, with Mr. Halaby and several Arab nationals as investors.

The corporation has an office in Amman and another in New York, it will soon open an office in Damascus and in other Arab capitals.

The "Arab Air Services Corporation" is also acting as an adviser on airline facilities for the new Amman international airport, which is in the process of being built.

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## JIMMY CARTER'S CABINET COLLEAGUES

## Cecil Andrus promises to give boost to environment

WASHINGTON, D.C. (USIS). — In choosing Idaho Governor Cecil Andrus for the post of Secretary of the Interior, Jimmy Carter has added a close personal friend and a determined defender of the environment to his new cabinet.

The men have been friends since the early 1970's, and while Governor Andrus supported Idaho Senator Frank Church's early bid for the presidential nomination, he later lost strong support to the Carter campaign after Senator Church dropped out of the race. In 1974, when Mr. Carter first began his quest for the presidency, he travelled to Idaho to help Mr. Andrus win his second four-year term as chief executive of the state.

In many respects, the two men also shared a philosophical kinship that is apparent from their actions as governor of their respective states. Governor Andrus, for example, has reorganised the Idaho state bureaucracy during the last six years, reducing the number of agencies -- from 268 to 20 -- in much the same manner as Governor Carter did during his tenure in Georgia.

Both men are also considered to be fiscal conservatives; President-elect Carter campaigned on a pro-

mise to reduce government deficits, and the state of Idaho currently maintains a balanced budget under the Andrus administration.

But it is in the field of environmental protection that the Idaho governor comes most highly recommended to the Carter camp. The 45-year-old son of a former lumber company executive first became nationally known nearly 10 years ago when he went against lumber interests in Idaho and worked to preserve more than a million acres of timberland for recreational and conservation use. The area has since become part of the U.S. parks system.

When he was first elected governor in 1970, he based his campaign partly on opposition to a major mining project that was planned for a scenic portion of the state, and this year he won applause from environmentalists by helping block the construction of a large electricity-generating plant near the state capital of Boise. The plant, he argued, would open the door to undesirable industrial growth to and around the city.

The governor is nevertheless regarded as a pragmatic executive, willing to balance the interests of environmentalists with those of industrialists and businessmen. He has advocated, for instance, the

establishment of a regional electric system using nuclear power plants to meet the area's future needs.

"Industrial growth will only be allowed if industry plays according to Idaho's ground rules and immediately complies 100 per cent with environmental regulations," he said in a recent interview. He added that his approach towards development was best characterised as "prudent", that he was not "doggedly against" it. As senator, he is looked upon by members of both political parties in his state as "a fair man, a reasonable man."

The two-metre governor was born in Hood River, Oregon, on Aug. 25, 1931. He attended Oregon State University, but entered the U.S. Navy before receiving a degree. He served with the navy in Korea.

He moved to Idaho in his early 20's and began his political career by winning a seat in the state Senate at age 29. His first, unsuccessful, bid for the state governorship was in 1966. In winning the office four years later, he ended a Republican nomination of the governorship that had lasted nearly a quarter of a century.

He married to the former Carol May and they have three daughters.

## Griffin Bell may face tough time as Attorney General

WASHINGTON, D.C. (USIS). — Griffin Boyette Bell, whom President-elect Jimmy Carter has picked to be his Attorney General, can be expected to take a tough stance against crime and to enforce the nation's civil rights laws with an even hand.

He is the first Southerner to be named to head the Department of Justice in the 111 years that have lapsed since the American Civil War.

Mr. Bell, 58, carved out a reputation as a proponent of tough enforcement of the criminal code during a 15-year federal judgeship in his native Georgia, a position to which he was appointed by President Kennedy, and as head of the Atlanta Commission on Crime Prevention.

Although his nomination is opposed by the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP), Mr. Bell's reputation in enforcement of civil rights legislation has been that of a moderate.

A civil rights attorney, who has pleaded cases before Judge Bell, says he has a reputation for enforcing civil rights laws against discrimination in employment and a moderate-to-conservative reputation in enforcing school desegregation.

"I think Griffin Bell has a superb record on civil rights," the president-elect said in announcing the nomination recently. "I think it accurate to point out that we have not had an attorney general from the South since the war between the states -- more than 100 years ago."

Mr. Bell, standing beside the president-elect, expressed his appreciation for Mr. Carter's confidence. He noted that an inscription over the Justice Department building in Washington reads: "The place of justice is a hallowed place," adding, "That's as we'll try to run it."

In reference to another celebrated Washington inscription: "equal justice under the law," which appears over the entrance to the U.S. Supreme Court, Mr. Bell declared: "We will do our best to try to provide it."

The attorney general-elect was born in Americus, Georgia, in

1918, about 15 kms. from President-elect Carter's home town of Plains, and studied at Georgia Southwestern College in Americus and Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1946, he received a bachelor of law degree at Mercer in 1948.

Admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1947, he began practice of law in Savannah and Rome, Georgia, leaving those communities in 1953 to become a partner in the law firm of King and Spalding in Atlanta, the state capital. Two other members of that firm are Mr. Carter's close friend and adviser, Charles Kirbo, and the head of Mr. Carter's transition team in Washington, Jack Watson. Judge Bell has said of Mr. Kirbo: "We've been close friends since we hunted quail together in South Georgia when we were both young lawyers."

While a senior partner in the law firm in 1959 Mr. Bell became

Chief of Staff to Georgia Governor S. Ernest Vandiver, who in 1960 told school desegregation in the state.

The effects of the remark, politically if not socially acceptable at the time -- rubbed off on Mr. Bell and, in part, later accounted for some of the opposition he received from civil rights groups.

In 1960 Mr. Bell became co-chairman of John F. Kennedy's Presidential Campaign Organisation in Georgia. The next year Mr. Kennedy, as president, named Mr. Bell to the Justice Department in high court of Appeals. During his term, Judge Bell helped supervise desegregation plans in dozens of southern school districts.

Mr. Bell ended his service on the bench last March 1. In sending his letter of resignation to President Ford, Judge Bell declared that federal-court workloads had become so great that many judges no longer have the time to give their decisions adequate attention

and other Georgians.

Mr. Bell recently said, he believes it would be "a good idea to have a black person as head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division," but added: "I also expressed the opinion that might not be possible to find good black to head Civil Rights Division."

I think we're past that position in this country; a black might want to head something else. I think there ought to be black in the Justice Department in high places. We have a multi-racial country, and the people who run the Justice Department ought to be representative of a multi-racial society.

Mr. Bell was repeatedly supported for the job by Senator James O. Eastland, Mississippi Democrat and Chairman of the Privileges and Immunities Committee, which was passed on the Bell nomination. But no longer have the time to give their decisions adequate attention

## Devolution proposals split Britain's leading parties

LONDON (CSM). — The British parliament has begun debate on legislation that could usher in the most radical constitutional change in the United Kingdom since the law of 1707 that established a single legislature for Great Britain.

The debate is dividing both major British parties -- the governing Labour Party of Prime Minister James Callaghan and the opposition Conservatives led by Mrs. Margaret Thatcher.

In the process, according to several British political writers, Mrs. Thatcher has made her biggest tactical mistake within her party since she was elected to its leadership in place of former Prime Minister Edward Heath.

Under discussion is the Labour government's plan for devolution (as it is called), whereby both Scotland and Wales would be

given a measure of self-government with national assemblies of their own in their respective national capitals, Edinburgh and Cardiff.

The proposed measure is in response to the growth over the past decade of nationalist parties in both Scotland, and -- to a lesser extent -- Wales.

With its proposals now before the House of Commons in London, the Labour government hopes to strike the happy medium of satisfying Scottish and Welsh sentiment enough to wean away support from the most radical nationalists. The latter's aim is the complete breakaway of Scotland and Wales from what has hitherto been the United Kingdom.

In principle, both the Labour and Conservative parties are agreed that this must be prevented.

In both parties, there is majority support for devolution of some kind. But within both parties, there is a minority which firmly believes that conceding even the minimum devolution to the nationalists is the surest way to start down the slippery slope to the breakup of the United Kingdom, as it has been for over two and a half centuries.

Mrs. Thatcher has complicated things for herself as Conservative leader by ordering members of her party in parliament to vote against the government's devolution proposals. Her instructions led two members responsible for Scottish affairs to resign from her shadow cabinet.

They did so because they support devolution and felt that the Conservatives would only be harmed further in Scotland if seen to be voting against it as a party -- even devolution proposed by a Labour government.

Prime Minister Callaghan is similarly faced with revolt in his party -- but only from the minority opposed to any concessions to the Scottish and Welsh nationalists.

He is trying to mollify these hardliners by proposing a referendum in Scotland and Wales in which the Scots and the Welsh would be asked to say once and for all whether they want to remain part of the United Kingdom.

## Heat your room up with chicken power

CHICAGO, (AFP). — "Chickens and other animals could be a useful heat source in homes in the 21st century, according to a report by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Improved soundproofing and odour control would enable householders to have chickens and other livestock either near or underneath their homes.

"Did you ever stop to think that if you put 1,500 chickens in the basement of your home, they would provide enough heat so that you would not have to turn on your furnace this winter," Missouri University Prof. Richard Philipps said here.

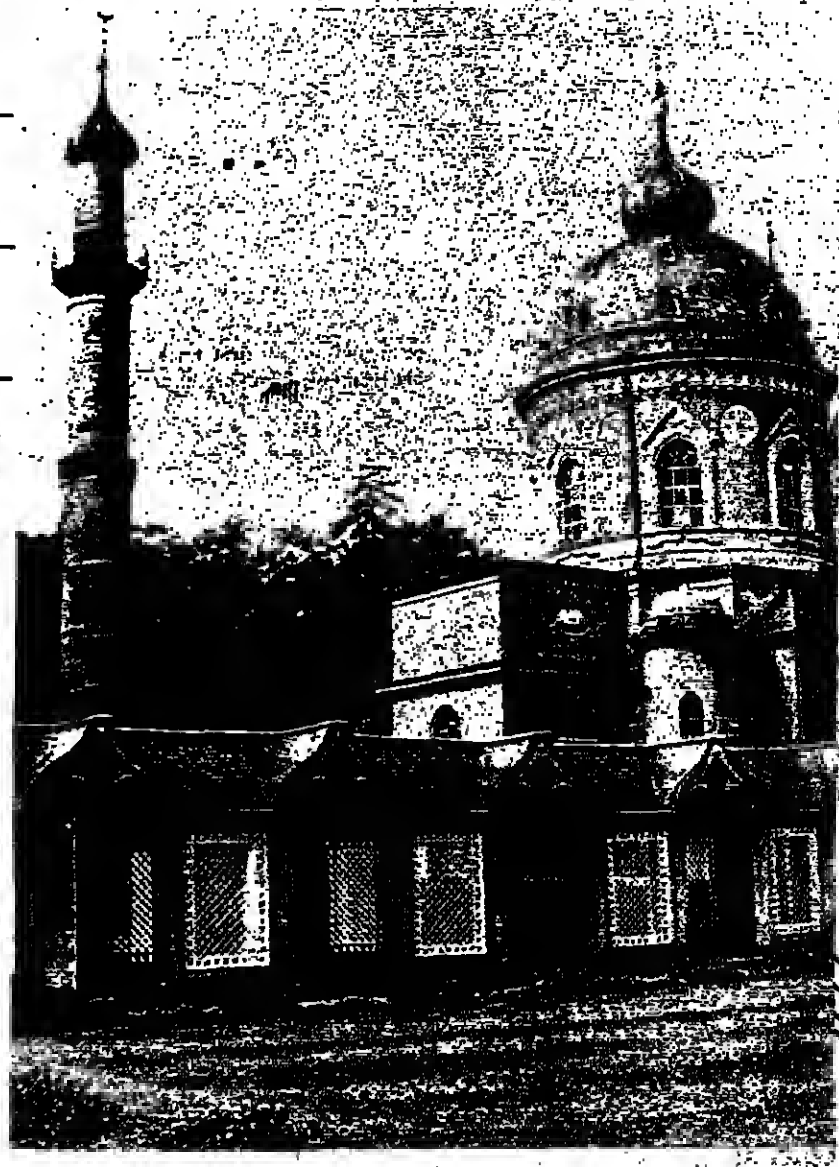
The report said that farmers 75 years from now will be working in buildings rather like today's airport control towers. From this central point they would control automated machines which would be guided across fields by means of electric cables.

The farm would be computerised with detector units placed at various points in fields to monitor the soil's moisture content, plant growth rate and other parameters. Machines would pick the produce from the fields.

The report also said that improved soybean varieties would be suitable for making plastics in the future.

Europe's Moslems  
MOSQUES  
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BAROQUE STYLE -- Schwetzingen mosque in the heart of picturesque Swabia, West Germany, was built in the Baroque style by an 18th century German prince. The go-ahead was recently given for its restoration and consecration as an Islamic cultural centre, and Moslems in West Germany hope to raise the 800,000 Deutschmarks required in donations, possibly with financial assistance from the Arab world. The leader of the country's Moslem community, a German convert, reckons there are nearly 10,000 faithful in the Schwetzingen area alone.

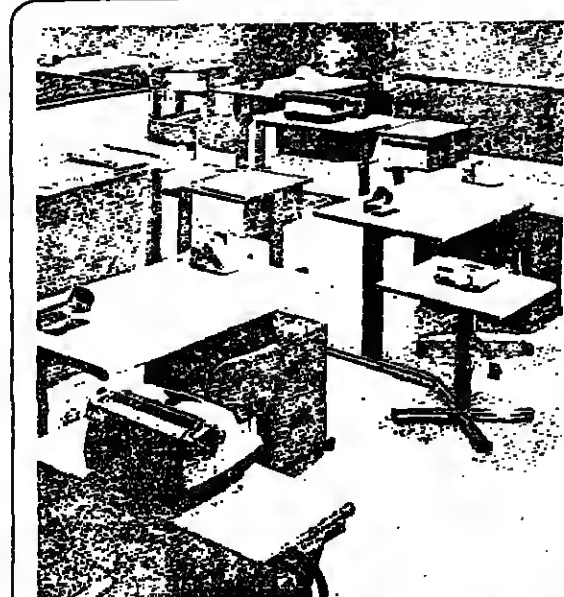


SACRED GIFT -- The Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow, Mr. Peter McCann (seated left), attends the recent ceremony at which he presented a piece of sacred cloth to the Moslem community in Glasgow. The gift is a piece of a cloth that has been used to cover the Holy Ka'ba shrine at Mecca. The sacred Ka'ba cloth is changed every year and pieces of it are sent to Moslems -- in many parts of the world -- who have been unable to take part in that year's pilgrimage to Mecca. The lord provost visited Saudi Arabia recently to foster closer relations between the peoples of the two countries and to establish commercial and industrial trade links.

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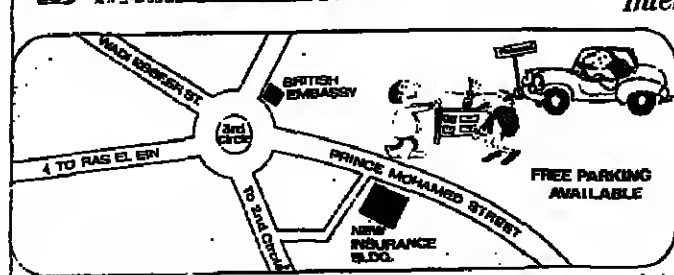


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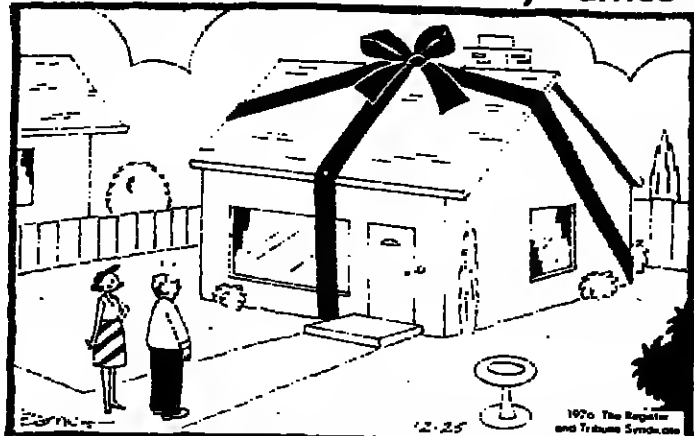


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## GOREN BRIDGE

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DEAR MR. GOREN

Q.—Recently, I picked up the following hand: ♠QJ7 ♥KQ54 ♦QJ6 ♣QJ4. Would you open the bidding with one club or one heart?—J.T. Evans, Cleveland, Ohio.

A.—Neither—I would pass! Yes, I know that the hand counts to 14 points in high cards and that even my books state that this is a compulsory opening bid. However, I have always stressed that the point count should serve as a guide, not as a master.

There is a significant weakness in the point count. Queens and jacks are overvalued and aces and kings are slightly undervalued. On most hands this balances out. Here, however, you have a plethora of "quacks"—as queens and jacks are called in the trade—intermingled with only one prime honor. As a result, the point count hopelessly inflates the value of your holding.

There is another reason for passing which is perfectly consistent with my bidding methods. I have always recommended that you consider the flaws in a hand before you open the bidding. One flaw here is an aceless hand; another is a perfectly balanced 4-3-3-3 distribution. Since I suggest deducting 1 point for each flaw, your hand, in fact, evaluates to only 12 points. With only one defensive trick, that is nowhere near an opening bid.

Q.—Partner opened the bidding with one club. I held: ♠K1098765432 ♦8 ♣AJ. What should I have responded?—D.L. Huntington, Valley, Pa.

A.—I have not had enough experience with ten-card suits to give you an unqualified reply. Whatever you do could turn out right. I suggest that you either bid an immediate four spades, or first bid one spade, followed by a jump to four spades. You need

very little to make a slam—ace of diamonds and the king of clubs in partner's hand might be sufficient—but there is almost no way to elicit partner's cooperation for he won't realize that a singleton spade in an enormous asset, while something like ♣A-K-Q is totally useless. In a guessing situation like this, take your profit and apologize if you are wrong.

Q.—How would you play seven hearts on this hand?

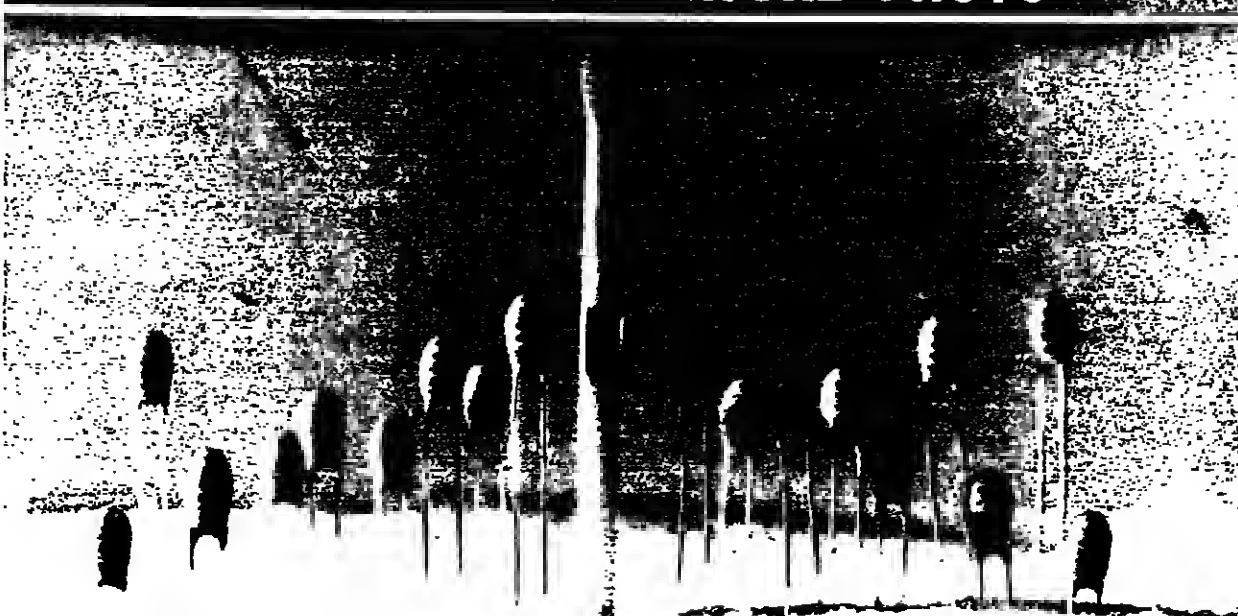
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♦ J 5 4  
♣ A K Q 6

West leads—the queen of spades.—R.C. Deleo, St. Louis, Mo.

A.—There is no guarantee that you can make this contract. What you have to strive for is the best line. If you play the ace of spades to the first trick, you are committing yourself before you know which card you wish to discard from your hand. To maximize your chances, follow with a low spade from dummy to the first trick and ruff in your hand. Now draw trumps, and cash the ace and king of diamonds. If the queen drops, you are home. You discard a club on the ace of spades and your hand is high.

If the queen of diamonds does not drop, discard the jack of diamonds on the ace of spades. Now you have to hope that clubs are 3-3, so that your fourth club becomes the slam-fulfilling trick when your opponents follow to three rounds of the suit.

## THE PAGE FIVE FEATURE PHOTO



**MATCHING PAIRS** -- These baby blue droplet condensers the size of matchheads starred at this year's electronics fair in Munich, West Germany. They are made of tantalum and specially designed for a wide range of uses in photography. They are also used in hearing aids. The condensers are acid-resistant and available with capacities of between .01 and 10 microfarads.

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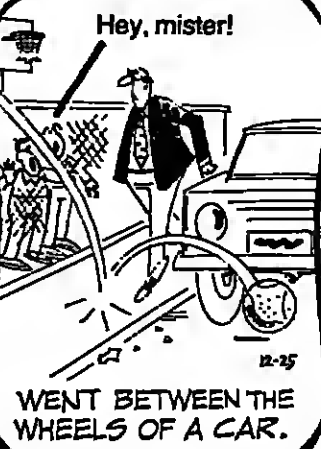
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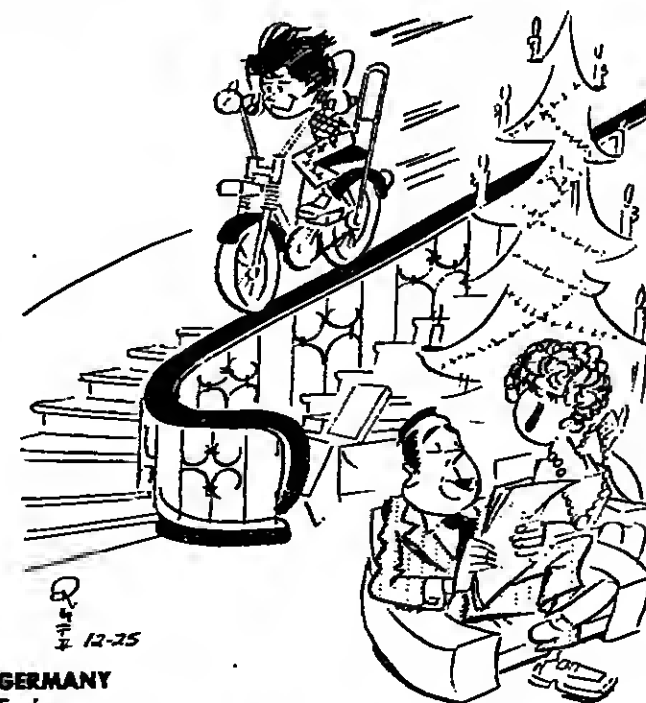


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print surprise answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: VITAL UNITY DECENT MOROSE  
Answer: What everyone who boards the train should have—A DESTINATION

## LAUGHS FROM EUROPE



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"It was sheer nonsense to buy the boy a bike — he simply won't be able to ride it."

## Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

SATURDAY, DEC. 25

Your birthday today: Scholarship, both formally recognized and naturally embodied in your daily routines, dominates your coming year. Regular pursuits become training grounds in which you improve your skills, perception and personal effectiveness. Relationships multiply, mostly casual, a few coming on to lasting strength. Today's natives have charisma and meet all with an open heart. Those born this year will take initiative in serious research, constantly ask questions early in life.

Aries [March 21-April 19]: Your inner nature is open to special influences and may not be understood by others. If away from home, take time to send out a word of holiday greeting.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]: People and their festivities favor you; see that you respond. Tidying up must be done, but leave lots of time for celebration.

Gemini [May 21-June 20]: This is about as smooth a day of personal and group rejoicing as you've had for many a year. What comes into your life now should be shared.

Cancer [June 21-July 22]: Consider the needs and capabilities of those around you. Organize a flexible program to fill the holiday with pleasant experiences for all. Stay cheerfully relaxed.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]: Entertaining attracts people of local importance, but it's no time for politicking or per-

suasive efforts. Let your personality shine for its own sake. Grant a favor.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]: Communication is important if you've neglected anyone faraway. Youngsters put on a good show. You're missing out on something; hurry and catch up!

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]: In all the conviviality you can overdo most anything and get away with it up to a point. Let people enjoy their opinions, though you know they're wrong.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]: It's a happy day if you'll remember original traditions and avoid commercial interpretations. Keep open house unless you've accepted invitations.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]: Visits are in order. Renew contacts wherever you can, even briefly. Everyone of importance in your life comes back to you in good time.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]: Don't look back. Take up what is at hand in good faith for joyful celebration. Family gatherings unite those who drifted apart and heal differences.

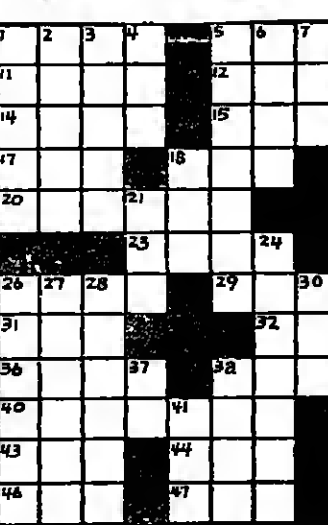
Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]: This is a mellow Christmas Day, long to be remembered. Create your own entertainment if you aren't already in a whirl of social chores.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]: You reach the peak of your efficiency cycle over this weekend. Enjoy the day's traditions, while you think seriously of opening doors into the future.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Persil
5. Tint
8. Allie
11. Ceylon moss
12. Engorge
13. Inlet
14. Compassion
15. Ramps
17. Yule
18. Divot
19. Attitude
20. Glasses
22. River to the Irish Sea
23. Vinegar
25. Foundations
26. Opposed to this
29. Unflattering
31. Doublecrosser
32. Canny
36. Architectural pier
38. Copy
39. 100 pounds of nails
40. Hawaiian guitar
42. Young salmon
43. Chess pieces
44. And not
45. Thrill



Par time 33 min.

MIR AIDE RAW  
OLEANDER ERA  
GLAZE WITHIN  
COME AWES  
COTTONS OATH  
AP ENTER TAO  
RUB EAVES TO  
PLUM DECIDED  
ERAT RISE  
SNIPER TAMED  
ACE SODALITY  
WED TEAL TEE

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

- DOWN
1. Rovers
2. Lively
3. Dress material
4. Audition
5. Sit
6. Playground
7. Greek long E
8. Passageway
9. Lost weight
10. Signals in telegraphy
16. Denial
18. Dry, as wine
21. Perched
24. Hangings
25. Snake
26. Mental shock
27. Desire
28. Temper
30. Manipulate
33. Sultan's decree
34. Sea swallows
35. White heron
37. Indian mulberry
38. Liacagous plant
41. Intention
42. Church bench

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## Following Tripoli agreement

# Marcos orders immediate ceasefire in war with Moro nationalists

MANILA, Dec. 24 (AFP). — President Ferdinand Marcos ordered a military ceasefire effective on Christmas eve today in Mindanao, southern Philippines, where a four-year-old Moslem revolt for self-rule has been raging.

President Marcos announced the ceasefire following an agreement forged Thursday between government emissaries and leaders of the rebel Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) in negotiations

held in Libya to settle the conflict peacefully.

The president read a communique issued by the two sides in Tripoli agreeing to the ceasefire and the halt of all military operations "in the spirit of brotherhood and cooperation among the Filipinos regardless of their different religious beliefs."

President Marcos said the ceasefire would be supervised by a commission composed of two repres-

entatives from the armed forces and civil government and two from the MNLF.

The president said he expected the commission to be formed by Jan. 1.

The local governments in the area would continue to operate "until we clarified the agreement entered into," he said.

In Tripoli, the Arab Revolution News Agency of Libya (ARNA) said it had learned that the agreement included a form of self-determination for the southern Philippines' Moslems within the framework of Philippine national unity.

The president ordered his commanders to make periodic reports on the progress of the ceasefire beginning next Monday.

President Marcos also stopped intelligence operations in the Mindanao area, about 800 kms south of Manila, since he said military operations may also include "even covert intelligence operations."

The president directed his generals, including Chief of Staff Gen. Romeo Espino and Adm. Romulo Espaldon, commander of all military units fighting in Mindanao, to "study also the possible redeployment of troops in the second phase" of the implementation of the accord.

Mr. Marcos said the Islamic Congress through a four-nation committee composed of Somalia, Libya, Senegal and Saudi Arabia, which mediated the meeting starting Dec. 10 in the Libyan capital, would help in the implementation of the agreement.

The Libyan government through head of state Col. Muammar Qadhafi agreed to host the meeting between the two sides following a visit to Tripoli last month by Filipino first lady Imelda Marcos, special envoy of her husband President Marcos.



NEW CIA HEAD — Theodore Sorenson (left) talks to reporters at the press conference called by President-elect Jimmy Carter in Plains, Georgia Thursday. Mr. Sorenson was designated Director of the CIA in the forthcoming administration. (AP wirephoto).

## 100-mile-long oil slick may wash up in Europe

NANTUCKET, Massachusetts Dec. 24 (R). — A 100-mile-long oil slick drifting across some of the world's richest fishing grounds off the Atlantic coast could eventually be washed ashore in Britain or Ireland, the U.S. Coast Guard said today.

The slick, the entire 7.5 million gallon cargo of crude oil disgorged by a wrecked Liberian tanker, is being blown across the Georges Bank by northwesterly winds.

Oceanographers, helpless to do anything but track the slick and hope minimal destruction of sea life, believe it may be picked up by the Gulf stream and carried into the North Atlantic, then drift towards Europe.

Coast Guard Captain Lynn Hein said: "There is no chance of the oil coming to shore in the United States. In a few months, if it sticks together, it might come ashore somewhere in Iceland, Britain or who knows?"

The tanker, the 18,743-ton Cargomerchant, ran aground on Dec. 15 about 27 miles southeast of this picturesque island resort. Heavy seas broke it up into three sections.

The oceanographers reported after an air survey the slick had broken into sections at its seaward edges and is being blown towards the southern centre of the Georges Bank.

Coast guard officer Richard Griggs said: "There is nothing we can do to stop the oil from moving into the fishing grounds. We're hopeful the spill won't be as harmful as everyone thought at first."

Earlier, there were fears that serious pollution of the Georges Bank would jeopardise the livelihood of 30,000 fishermen who work in these New England waters.

The coast guard has announced it plans to drop incendiary chemicals from a helicopter in a controlled experiment to burn a small part of the slick.

A coast guard spokesman said 16 of the stricken tanker's 38 crew would stay in the United States to be questioned about the wreck. They include the captain, ship's officers, helmsman and lookout.

# Carrillo remanded in custody as dark cloud hangs over Spanish scene

MADRID, Dec. 24 (R). — Spanish Communist leader Santiago Carrillo, whose arrest two days ago drew protests from East and West European communist parties, was remanded in custody today for trial on a charge of illegal association.

A magistrate told reporters he had decided against granting Senor Carrillo provisional liberty after taking a statement from him at a top security prison, where seven other leading communists are arrested with him and being held.

One of Senor Carrillo's lawyers said he would ask for his provisional liberty and the public order court, which tries political offences, could decide on his release by Monday.

If found guilty, the Senor Carrillo could receive a six-year jail term.

A government spokesman said 1000 Communists tried to demonstrate outside the prison today demanding the release of Senor Carrillo.

Police fired rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse the Communists.

Well-informed sources said the government would not oppose provisional liberty for Senor Carrillo, but was leaving it up to the public order court to decide.

Senor Carrillo, in exile since the end of the civil war in 1939, was arrested on Wednesday night following a press conference at which he flaunted his open-secret return to Spain after the death of Gen. Franco last year.

Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez was said to be determined not to let Senor Carrillo's case wreck negotiations with leftwing opposition parties on conditions for democratic elections in the spring.

But the political situation has been gravely complicated by the kidnapping two weeks ago of Senor Antonio Maria de Oriol y Urquijo, President of the advisory Council of State.

The kidnappers today repeated their demand for a general amnesty covering all political prisoners as a condition for his release.

In their latest note, the kidnappers also rejected press speculation that they were ultra-rightists posing as Maoist guerrillas.

The note, sent last night to the liberal newspaper, El Pais, said the government and the press tried to "discredit the authentically popular character of our nation."

The Maoist group holding of former justice minister set no deadline for their release, to be made by firing its three senior commanders.

The head of Spain's paramilitary civil guards who is known for his extreme rightwing views was replaced.

The director of the armed police force and the secretary of police director also lost their jobs.

Informed sources said the cabinet meeting, followed a demonstration last week by police demanding the resignation of Interior Minister Rodolfo Martin.

The protest was in support of demands for more pay, better working conditions and removal of the police from military control.

But the demonstration was seen as a deterioration of the situation within security forces.

Informed sources rejected speculation that Senor Carrillo been arrested against orders of extreme rightwing policemen to embarrass the government.

The sources said the cabinet wanted however to take firm control of insubordinate groups within the security forces, in the German invasion (during World War Two) was a joke.

Mr. De Broglie was a member of the French team at Evian in 1962 that negotiated an agreement ending the war in Algeria.

Mr. de Broglie, who was 55, was a member of President Giscard d'Estaing's Independent Republican Party. He represented the Eure constituency in Normandy, northwestern France, and was first elected to parliament in 1958.

Police were accustomed to ad powers during the 40-year Franco dictatorship and have been accused by opposition groups of using torture and brutality.

The opposition has also accused the police of tolerating drunkenness and violence by extremists. Rightwingers called the "Guerrilla of Christ the King."

## "Heirs" of Charles Martel slay French prince for talking to Algerians

PARIS, Dec. 24 (Agencies). — Prince Jean de Broglie, a former French Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and a close friend of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, was shot dead here today by a young man, police said. An ultra rightwing organisation later claimed responsibility for the murder.

Prince de Broglie, 55, was killed on the street this morning seconds after leaving a friend's house.

According to witnesses, a young man armed with a pistol shot him twice in the head. Police said prince de Broglie died instantly. His attacker fled.

Police immediately started a hunt for the gunman and sealed off part of the fashionable 17th Arrondissement where the murder took place.

An underground rightwing organisation, the Charles Martel Club, later called up Agence France-Presse to claim responsibility for the murder of Prince de Broglie.

The organisation is believed to be made up of former French settlers in Algeria. It claimed responsibility last year for a number of bomb attacks against Algerian offices in France.

The caller said Prince de Broglie was killed because he was one of the people "responsible for the invasion of France by North African bandits."

The Charles Martel organisation is named after the French warrior who defeated an Arab army at the battle of Poitiers in 732.

In April, 1975, the group claimed responsibility for a bomb explosion outside the Algerian consulate in Paris, declaring that the blast was in protest against a visit to Algeria by President Giscard d'Estaing.

The caller proclaimed that "the living forces of our European fatherland will fight harder and har-

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## U.S. nuclear reactor might not be such an asset for Israel?

TEL AVIV, Dec. 24 (R). — An Israeli nuclear scientist has protested against plans to buy an American-made nuclear power station, saying it would be cheaper and afford Israel greater independence to plan and build one locally.

Professor Moshe Rosen, Rector of Ben Gurion University, told the annual conference of the Israel Nuclear Society yesterday that the reactor would cost about \$1 billion.

He said that although the financing terms would be convenient, they might detract from other U.S. economic aid, including loans and grants for arms.

The enriched uranium used in the U.S. reactor could be obtained only from the U.S., which would increase Israel's dependence on other countries, he said.

## Minister demands anti-Zionist media offensive

DAMASCUS, Dec. 24 (R). — Egyptian Information and Culture Minister Gamal Oteifi yesterday called for an Arab propaganda offensive to counteract information put out by Israeli mass media.

Dr. Oteifi, who took part in an Arab culture ministers conference which ended in Amman yesterday said the Arabs should conduct an intelligent information campaign to prepare for a successful reconvening of the Geneva Middle East peace conference.

He is here for two days of talks with Syrian Information Minister Ahmed Iskander on coordinating information organisations following a recent joint declaration calling for a unified political command between Syria and Egypt.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

● TEL AVIV, Dec. 24 (AFP). — Palestinian guerrillas fired several 121-millimetre Katyusha rockets into Israel from Jordan last night and several bazooka rockets were fired at an Israeli patrol from across the Lebanese frontier this morning, an Israeli army spokesman reported. The spokesman said the Katyusha rockets, launched against the Neve-Or region to the south of Lake Tiberias and the bazooka rockets fired at the patrol in the Zarit region of upper Galilee, caused no casualties.

● BELFAST, Dec. 24 (AFP). — Several incendiary bombs exploded here and in Enniskillen, southwestern Ulster, causing serious property damage but no casualties today. Three devices went off almost simultaneously in the centre of Enniskillen. Two stores and the town library were gutted by ensuing fires. In Belfast, the first floor of a downtown department store was heavily damaged this morning by a blaze after a bomb exploded.

● KUWAIT, Dec. 24 (R). — Kuwait has told its customers the price of its crude oil will rise to \$12.37 a barrel from Jan. 1 in line with last week's OPEC decision to raise prices initially by 10 per cent. Oil Ministry Under-Secretary Mahmoud Al Adasani was quoted as saying today. The newspaper Al Anhaa quoted him as saying the country's oil revenues were expected to rise by \$1,056 million in 1977 as a result of the rise, assuming a daily average production of two million barrels. The price increase would also apply to Kuwait's share of the output of the Japanese-run Arabian Oil Company operating in the partitioned zone between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

● STUTTGART, West Germany, Dec. 23 (AFP). — Bosch, the West German firm, is to sell its 90 per cent Italian subsidiary, Philco (electrical household appliances), to the Ritaco company of Iran, it was learned officially here today. Philco, with its headquarters at Ponte San Pietro, near Bergamo, has lost about \$20.8 million dollars since 1972 which the parent company has had to make good. Philco's shares will be transferred to the Iranian group on Feb. 1, 1977.

● NEW DELHI, Dec. 24 (AFP). — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi broadened her attack today on the pro-Moscow Communist Party of India (PCI), which has long supported her ruling Congress Party. In a speech to nearly 50,000 persons gathered at her residence here to express support, Mrs. Gandhi said the Congress Party was ready to attack the PCI if it was necessary. "We are prepared to give them a reply as we do in the case of all attacks," she said, referring to recent Communist charges that reactionaries were taking over the Congress Party. The speech appeared to spell the end of the loose alliance between the Congress and the Communists.

● LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (R). — Documents have been found which could constitute a valid will of the late billionaire Howard Hughes, Los Angeles authorities say. The Los Angeles county counsel filed a petition in court here yesterday saying the documents have been in the hands of Hughes' Summa Corporation since about a month after he died last April, and asking the court to order Hughes' estate to produce them.

● ISLAMABAD, Dec. 24 (AFP). — Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto will visit Tehran on Dec. 26 and 27 for talks with the Shah of Iran, it was announced here today.

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed mixed but with an easier bias because of lack of interest Friday. The stock exchange was open for about 2-1/2 hours because of the Christmas holiday, and will reopen on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

The F.T. index at the noon closing was down 1.3 at 343.4. Government bonds showed occasional gains of 1/16 to 1/4 reflecting book squaring operations ahead of the holiday. Equity leaders drifted lower on lack of interest. Gold shares was mixed.

ICI, Unilever, Glaxo, Thom, Beecham and Shell were all 2p easier. B.P. reversed on opening loss of 2p. Bank leaders eased between 2p and 8p. Tobaccos were still overshadowed by the latest report on smoking. BATs eased 3p and IMPs eased a penny.



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